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SUBJECT: MOD VANDEN BOEYNANTS TO SECDEF RUMSFELD LETTER,
DATED FEB 24, 1976, RE LANCE

1. BELGIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS PASSED US COPY OF SUBJECT
LETTER TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS (EMBASSY TRANSLATION):

"MY DEAR COLLEAGUE:

YOUR SERVICES TRANSMITTED TO ME TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
PERTAINING RESPECTIVELY TO DA BELGIUM VLC AND TO DA BELGIUM VKS
OF 1 OCTOBER 1974.

THE PURPOSE OF THESE TWO DOCUMENTS WAS TO MAKE OFFICIAL
CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS IN THE INITIAL QUANTITIES OF CERTAIN
COMPONENTS OF THE MAIN MATERIAL, MADE NECESSARY (BY DEVELOPMENTS)
SINCE THE SIGNATURE OF THE FIRST LETTERS OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE.

IN ADDITION TO THESE ADJUSTMENTS, VERY SERIOUS MODIFICATIONS
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HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE. FOR THE YEAR OF 1976

ALONE, PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF 12.1 MILLION DOLLARS IS NOW REQUIRED WHILE THE INITIAL SCHEDULE CALLED FOR ONLY 7.8 MILLION DOLLARS. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THESE ADJUSTMENTS SHOULD CAUSE SUCH A CHANGE IN PAYMENT. IT IS EVIDENT THAT THE BELGIAN BUDGETARY PROVISIONS WERE BASED ON THE INITIAL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS AND ACTUALLY IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MODIFY THE CREDIT SCHEDULE ALLOCATED TO THE LANCE PROGRAM.

I REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO YOUR SERVICES TO KEEP TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE AS IT WAS IN THE INITIAL AGREEMENT.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE,

S/

P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS"

2. COMMENT: VANDEN BOEYNANTS IS NOT QUESTIONING THE LANCE SYSTEM COST, BUT RATHER THE REVISED PAYMENT SCHEDULE PRESENTED TO THE BELGIAN MOD IN THE USG-PROPOSED AMENDMENTS. THESE WERE FORWARDED TO THE MOD THROUGH THE BELGIAN MILITARY ATTACHE IN WASHINGTON. THE TOTAL COST OF BOTH LANCE FMS CASES HAS NOT CHANGED APPRECIABLY. MAAG WILL FOLLOW UP TELEPHONICALLY WITH MICOM PROJECT MANAGER IN VIEW OF FEB 27 SUSPENSE RATE FOR BELGIAN ACCEPTANCE. RENNER

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